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SUBJECT: IFAD SITE

REF: (A) STATE 53953, (B) ROME 6456

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES COMMENTS IN REF B. WE ARE
PRESENTLY REVIEWING OUR POSITION ALONG LINES SUGGESTED
IN FINAL PORTION OF PARA 5 REF B AND COMMENTS CONTAINED
REF B ARE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD.

2. OUR PRESENT POSITIONS ON IFAD RATIFICATION, TOP
MANAGEMENT, AND SITE ARE SPELLED OUT IN REF A. WE DO NOT
TAKE POSITION THAT ROME MUST BE DESIGNATED AS PERMANENT
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SITE IN RETURN FOR ACCEPTANCE OF AN OPEC CANDIDATE (PRE-
SUMABLY AL-SUDEARY) AS IFAD'S FIRST PRESIDENT. WE DO FEEL
THAT QUESTION OF OECD/OPEC BALANCE IS IMPORTANT AT LEAST
DURING IFAD'S INITIAL PERIOD AND THAT 00TH SITE AND
PRESIDENT SHOULD BE SELECTED ON MERITS. WE SUGGEST THAT
AT APPROPRIATE TIME AMBASSADOR REVIEW U.S. POSITION AS

STATED PARA 6 REF A WITH AL-SUDEARY TO TRY FURTHER TO CLARIFY EXTENT TO WHICH HE SHARES OUR VIEWS.

3. FOR OUR OWN POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT IFAD NOT START OUT VIEWED AS OPEC'S FUND. AS AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY IS AWARE, THERE ARE SEVERAL MATTERS TO WHICH WE ATTACH SIGNIFICANT INTEREST. WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT OUR RATIFICATION IS LINKED TO SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THEM. SITE IS ONE OF THOSE ISSUES.

4. WE HOPE AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY WILL USE HIS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE AMONG HIS DEVELOPING COUNTRY COLLEAGUES TO PROMPT SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES. THE THIRD PREPCOM DECIDED NO FURTHER DEBATE NEED BE UNDERTAKEN ON SITE/SECRET VOTING UNTIL THE FIRST GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING. WE HOPE QUIT DIPLOMACY WILL ENSURE THAT RATIFICATIONS CAN GO FORWARD SO THAT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING CAN BE CONVENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE FOURTH PREPCOM.

5. FYI: LOGIC AND EFFICIENCY WEIGH HEAVILY IN ROME'S FAVOR AS A PERMANENT SITE, AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT ROME'S ADVANTAGES WOULD BECOME BROADLY ACCEPTED DURING THE INITIAL PERIOD IN ROME. TACTICALLY HOWEVER WE FEEL WE COULD NOT NOW WIN AN OUTRIGHT VOTE BETWEEN ROME AND TEHRAN AND WE FEEL IFAD WOULD BE THE ULTIMATE LOSER IF THE ISSUE IS FORCED. ALSO WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF RECOMMENDING A NEW APPROACH TO THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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